

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In the specification, at the first page, just under the title and under the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS", please amend the paragraph as follows:

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/235,310 filed ~~February 3~~ January 22, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,329,258 B1, which is based upon and claims benefit of priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 10-011164, filed on January 23, 1998, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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